

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 12, inclusive (cancelled)

Claims 13 - 18, inclusive (cancelled)

Claim 19 (original)

An epidermal positioning mechanism comprising;

a bandage structure having at least a first end and a second end;

a first elastic material coupled to the first end and a second elastic material coupled to the second end of the bandage structure;

a first anchoring structure coupled to at least a portion of the first elastic material; and a second anchoring structure coupled to at least a portion of the second elastic material.

Claim 20 (original)

E1 The epidermal positioning mechanism of claim 19 wherein the first anchoring structure and the second anchoring structure each comprises an end piece coupled to the respective first and second elastic material at respective predetermined positions;

the end pieces including an adhesive material located thereon.

Claim 21 (original)

The epidermal positioning mechanism of claim 19 wherein the bandage structure includes at least one side having a medicinal material thereon.

Claim 22 (original)

The medicinal material of claim 21 comprising zinc chromate.

Claim 23 (original)

The medicinal material of claim 21 comprising zinc chromate impregnated in a hydrocolloid material.

Claim 24 (original)

The medicinal material of claim 21 comprising an alginate.

Claim 25 (currently amended)

The alginate of claim 24 ~~comprising one of~~ selected from the group consisting of calcium alginate and sodium alginate.

Claims 26 - 103, inclusive (cancelled)

Claim 104 (withdrawn)

A method of moving a first predetermined epidermal area relative to a laterally spaced, second predetermined epidermal area, the method comprising the steps of:

anchoring an adhesive coated anchoring structure to said first predetermined epidermal area;
coupling a marginal area of said anchoring structure to a marginal area of an elastic member;
coupling an oppositely disposed marginal area of said elastic member to a second adhesive coated anchoring structure;

anchoring said second adhesive coated anchoring structure to said second epidermal area, whereby said first and said second predetermined epidermal areas are moved relative to one another.

Claim 105 (withdrawn)

The method of claim 104 wherein said anchoring structures each include a first side and a second side.

Claim 106 (withdrawn)

The method of claim 105 wherein an adhesive material is located on said first side of said anchoring structures, the first sides further including a plurality of slits having a predetermined shape.

Claim 107 (withdrawn)

The method of claim 106 wherein said predetermined shape of the slits is a U shape.

Claim 108 (withdrawn)

The method of claim 104 wherein said elastic member includes at least one side having a medicinal material thereon.

Claim 109 (withdrawn)

A method of moving a first predetermined epidermal area relative to a laterally spaced, second predetermined epidermal area, the method comprising the steps of:

anchoring a first adhesive coated anchoring structure to said first predetermined epidermal area;

coupling a marginal area of said first anchoring structure to a marginal area of a first elastic member;

coupling an oppositely disposed marginal area of said first elastic member to a first end of a bandage structure;

coupling a second end of said bandage structure to a marginal area of a second elastic member;

coupling an oppositely disposed marginal area of said second elastic member to a marginal area of a second adhesive coated anchoring structure;

anchoring said second adhesive coated anchoring structure to said second epidermal area, whereby said first and said second predetermined epidermal areas are moved relative to one another.

Claim 110 (withdrawn)

The method of claim 109 wherein said bandage structure includes at least one side having a medicinal material thereon.

Claim 111 (withdrawn)

The method of claim 110 wherein said medicinal material comprises zinc chromate.

Claim 112 (withdrawn)

The method of claim 110 wherein said medicinal material comprises zinc chromate impregnated in a hydrocolloid material.

Claim 113 (withdrawn)

The method of claim 110 wherein said medicinal material comprises an alginate.

Claim 114 (withdrawn)

The method of claim 113 wherein said alginate is selected from the group consisting of calcium alginate and sodium alginate.

Claim 115 (new)

An assembly for positioning the epidermis comprising:

a first end piece adapted to be anchored to the epidermis;

at least one elastic material coupled to the first end piece;

a second end piece adapted to be anchored to the epidermis;

said at least one elastic material being further coupled to said second end piece;

wherein said first end piece and said second end piece each respectively has at least one side

including an adhesive material for securing said first end piece and said second end piece to the epidermis; and

wherein at least one of said first end piece and said second end piece is a lifting end piece having a first side including a plurality of slits located thereon, said plurality of slits having a predetermined shape, said predetermined shape of said plurality of slits being a U shape.

Claim 116 (new)

The assembly of claim 115 wherein at least one of said first end piece and said second end piece is an anchoring mechanism.

Claim 117 (new)

The assembly of claim 115 wherein said elastic material includes at least one side having a medicinal material thereon.